passengers of reserved compartments at the hands of unauthorised passengers and railway employees who occupy reserved seats in connivance with the conductors;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take by providing armed police to prevent unauthorised persons from entering into such compartments; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Some cases have come to notice.

(b) and (c) Surprise checks and drives are conducted from time to time with the help of GRP and unauthorised passengers found trvelling in reserved coaches are detrained and fined under the provisions of the Railways Act. Wherever the problem of unauthorised entry of passengers in reserved coaches is acute, co-ordination is established with GRP to enlist their assistance to prevent the same.

Stagnation in the cadre of Junior Engineers in C.P.W.D.

450. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to remove stagnation in the cadre of Junior Engineers, in C.P.W.D.; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) In order to remove stagnation in the cadre of Junior Engineers in the C.P.W.D. a second Cadre Review has been undertaken.

Manual handling of night soil

451. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to eradicate manual handling of night soil;

(b) the amount spent for the last three years for this purpose;

(c) what are the achievements; and

(d) the number of scavengers relieved from this practice, Statewise ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) As part of the Action Plan announced by the Government, the Govt. of India has launched an Integrated Scheme of Low Cost Sanitation and the Liberation of Scavengers.

(b) The amounts spent for the last three years under ongoing schemes, are as follows:—

(i) Loan assistance sanctioned by HUDCO for low cost sanitation schemes to State schemes to State agencies:

1987-88 . .	Rs. 10·75 crores
1988-89 . .	Rs. 8·39 crores
1989-90 . . (upto February, 1990)	Rs. 19·78 crores

(ii) Central assistance to State Governments from the Ministry of Welfare for the liberation of scavengers:

1987-88 . .	Rs. 8·89 crores
1988-89 . .	Rs. 9·45 crores
1989-90 . . (Allocation)	Rs. 10·00 crores